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USCIS announced on Monday, August 28, 2017, that it will eliminate the practice of waiving employment-based adjustment of status interviews. This change will take place on October 1, 2017 and will affect foreign nationals who apply for permanent residence, while physically present in the United States.

This elimination of waiving the interview requirement will almost certainly result in additional significant delays in processing applications for permanent residence. The new initiative seems to follow through on the Trump Administration campaign pledge of increased scrutiny. No Congressional action is needed to implement the change; however, the change will require additional staffing to schedule and conduct interviews at the various USCIS local offices throughout the United States.

We will be watching and tracking how this change affects the processing of adjustment of status cases and will keep our clients updated with any new information as it unfolds.

For more information on the update, please click on the link below to access the news release from USCIS:

<https://www.uscis.gov/news/news-releases/uscis-to-expand-in-person-interview-requirements-for-certain-permanent-residency-applicants>